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Business News

Robert Honeycutt retires

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Robert Honeycutt retired on January 1 of this year from Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Corporation after 30 years service.

Honeycutt began work for Transco as a truck driver in 1950 and was transferred to Appomattox as pipe line forman. In December of 1954 he was transferred to Reidsville, North Carolina and transferred back to Appomattox in September of 1960.

Honeycutt and his wife, Evelyn, are the parents of three daughters, Mrs. Faye Stratton, Mrs. Kay Jordan and Mrs. Gay Cole. They have three grandchildren.

SS meet set

Members of Southern States Cooperative's local board and committee members, agricultural workers and retail managers will attend a regional board meeting in Farmville, Va., on February 17. The session will be held at Longwood College-Lankford Building and registration will begin at 9 a.m.

Also attending the meeting will be a number of guest young farmers from this area.

A total of 18 of these regional meetings will be held by Southern States over a five-state area. The cooperative serves farmer-members who live in Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, Delaware and Kentucky and who hold a total of 354,552 memberships in the organization.

Eldridge W. Sanderson of Cartersville, Va., a member of the 15-man board of directors will preside at the meeting. Sanderson represents the cooperative's members in south central Virginia. He has been a member of the board since 1975.

Featured at the session will be a presentation entitled "Cooperation: A Strategy for Success" to be presented by Harris K. Swann, vice president-Retail Services, who heads a two-man management team that will attend the session. R. A. Allgood, vice president-Fertilizer Service, the other team member, will report on the cooperative's operations during the first six months of the 1981-82 fiscal year. Also on the agenda will be the showing of a 22 minute film, "We Can Turn the Tide."

Following an open-forum discussion the session will adjourn.

Expected to attend the meeting are: Ronald Coleman and Dan G. Coleman, co-managers of Coleman and Sons and local board members: Jimmy E. Tweedy, Rustburg; Dennis W. Drinkard, Hunt P. Hamilton, Archer Webb, Appomattox; Boyd Thompson, Lynchburg; Roy T. Bennett, Concord.

Forest fires increase in 1981

The number of forest fires in Southside Virginia's timberlands for 1981 was more than double that of 1980. Although extremely dry conditions during the spring and fall fire seasons of 1981 were present, cooperation from the public and a quick response by volunteer fire departments, forest wardens, and volunteers kept the average size of these fires low.

The Farmville District of the Virginia Division of Forestry covers ten counties in this area. Within the District, there were 221 forest fires which burned a total of 700 acres in 1981. During 1980, 95 fires burned a total of 348 acres. The five year average for the number of fires is 179 per year.

The size of the average forest fire was kept to a low of 3.2 acres. Volunteer fire departments extinguished many fires before they endangered forest lands. Cooperation from the public in obeying Virginia's forest fire laws prevented many fires from starting. Forest Wardens who enforce these laws reported only 29 violations of the Spring 4 p.m. Burning Law.

Amelia County had 12 fires burning 55 acres. Appomattox County had 13 fires burning 23 acres. Buckingham County had 24 fires burning 144 acres. Campbell County had 39 fires burning 118 acres. Charlotte County had 23 fires burning 33 acres. Cumberland County had 25 fires burning 33 acres. Halifax County had 33 fires burning 62 acres. Lunenburg County had 19 fires burning 68 acres. Nottoway County had 14 fires burning 89 acres. Prince Edward County had 19 fires burning 75 acres.

The Division of Forestry wishes to thank everyone for their cooperation during the past year.

Students visit local business

The Ag Machinery Service III students of Randolph-Henry HS visited Appomattox Truck and Tractor Co. last Tuesday. The field trip gave the students a first-hand look at an ag-business as part of their study of Vo-Ags Cooperative Work Experience Program.

Mr. Mitchell, the shop foreman, led the students on a tour of the facilities, identifying and explaining the use of shop testing equipment and tools. He also outlined procedures for tractor maintenance and the skills required of a tractor mechanic. He noted that two of the company's five permanently employed mechanics started working for the company while in high school as part of the Cooperative Work Experience Program.

STUDENTS OF THE Ag. Machinery Service III class at Randolph-Henry visited Appomattox Truck and Tractor last week.

The students observed the skilled work performed in an actual job setting that they study in classroom and shop. G. W. Thomas, Ag. Machinery Service instructor at Randolph-Henry, hoped the trip would motivate the students to further develop their existing Occupational Experience Programs.

The students attending the field trip included Doug Bentley, Gary Bray, Donald Barker, Erik Holmquist, Darrell Mosely, Scott Newcomb, Sam Perkins, Robert Phelps, Stan Ramsey, Will Reynolds, Paul Walker, Dale Weston and John Harris-student teacher.

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Free tax assistance available to seniors

Free income tax assistance for low income seniors, who are at least 60 years of age, is available in the counties of Amherst, Appomattox, Bedford, and Campbell, and the Cities of Bedford and Lynchburg.

Seniors who can not afford professional tax help can have their 1040 and 1040-A forms completed by volunteer tax counselors, trained by the Internal Revenue Service.

The program is being coordinated by Central Virginia Commission on Aging through the courtesy of Central Fidelity Bank and River Ridge Mall.

Every Friday in February and March, tax counselors will be at Central Fidelity Bank, 828 Main Street, Lynchburg, between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Counselors will also be available at River Ridge Mall in the Community Room every Friday in February and March except the 19th, from 3:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Persons seeking help are asked to bring pertinent tax documents such as W-2 Forms, interest statements and copies of their 1980 state and federal tax returns.

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Friendship with Christ

By William L. Trimyer
Friendship With Christ
Lesson for February 14, 1982
Bible Study Passage: John 15:1-16
Introduction

Nature can be a giver and a taker. I spent many a day on my grandfather's truck farm in North Carolina. The land we tilled blessed our tables and stomachs daily. The forests provided wood for heating and game for hunting. The Currituck Sound gave us a place for swimming, boating and duck hunting.

But nature can likewise be distructive. As a youngster I remember hovering in the living room of my grandparent's home waiting through the night for Hurricane Hazel to subdue its furry.

And here in east central Illinois I have witnessed a city almost paralyzed by massive winter storms.

Nature is a tremendous teacher. From it we learn many significant lessons for living and surviving. In this week's lesson we will notice how Jesus relied upon his natural surroundings to proclaim his spiritual truths concerning the kingdom of God.

Jesus relied heavily upon illustrations from nature to convey his message. We who have teaching and preaching responsibilities would do well to follow his example. Those who come Sunday after Sunday will learn a great deal from our creative use of personal experience and illustrations from life and nature.
The Vine and The Branch [John 14:1-11]

Keep in mind that these teachings of Jesus emerge during the closing drama of his life. The image of the vine is often found in the Old Testament. Israel is often referred to as a vine, referring, of course, to Israel's close relationship to God. (Read Jer. 2:21).

Jesus uses the vine/branch imagery to express the mystical union that exists between himself and his followers. Paul later writes of this mystical union in terms of "members of the same body." Thus, Paul speaks of the body of Christ and we as members of this body.

I can recall a huge grapevine growing outside my bedroom window as a young child. The grape arbor was as large as our home. Its vines stretched outward many yards from its base. I always looked forward to early fall when I could reach outside my window and pluck the ripened grapes to eat before going to sleep or before breakfast in the morning. My father sometimes made homemade grape wine, which I would sample when no one was looking!

Jesus describes himself as the "true vine" and the disciples as his branches. He always sought out those followers who would become his strong "branches" and produce good fruit. Even now Christ wants those who will be productive Christians, sharing his gospel of grace and love to all people.

Jesus describes the imagery of purging the unproductive branches. Branches which dry up and wither become a drage on the host vine, so they are pruned and destroyed. Abiding in Christ keeps us very much alive and productive.
Branches Reaching Out [John 14:12-16]

Christ did not treat his disciples as mere assembly line workers; he accepted them as his close friends. To be a friend of Christ is to be affirmed and loved as a person, not a thing.

We all have many acquaintances, but only a few friends. Everyone needs friends who will accept and love us without rules and stipulations. My closest friends can love me even when I don't feel very lovable or act very lovable.

Jesus describes friendship as a kinship of spirit in which a person will give and give without grudge or expecting anything in return. True friendship is loving rather than being loved.

We derive our example of true friendship from Jesus himself who willingly sacrificed his life for the sake of his friends. We can't presume to duplicate that act, but we can surely exemplify its spirit in our relationships and friendships. Of course, not all relationships are friendships, but all of God's children belong to the same family. We are friends of God and one another. The greatest commandments laid down by Christ are love for God and love for one another.

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Church News

ABA sponsored Cantata planned

The Appomattox Baptist Association music department is promoting an Easter Cantata for all the churches in Appomattox County and the surrounding area.

The choirs of all churches and all denominations are invited to participate.

Joyce Vaughan, director of the Appomattox Baptist Association Music Department, is organizing the event.

The cantata accompanied by orchestration tape is titled "It Took a Miracle," by John Peterson. It is a very singable, beautifully composed cantata.

The only cost to choir members will be the cost of books. They will cost a maximum of $3.50. Mrs. Vaughan asks that choir contact her within the week to let her know how many from a particular church will participate.

Rehearsals will be at 8 p.m. on Feb. 10, 17 and 24, and March 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31. All rehearsals will be conducted at Liberty Baptist Church.

Presentation of the cantata is planned for April 4 at 7:30 p.m. at Appomattox County High School.

As an added feature, plans call for the use of quartets, trios, duets, and other variations from different churches which wish to add their own selections to the program.

Promise Land news

"Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy."

You are cordially invited to attend the regular preaching service this Sunday at 11:00 a.m. and Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.

We are glad to see the weather getting warmer and the ice gone. Many services were cancelled due to the weather.

Deacon William Hancock is improving nicely. Let us pray for the sick and let them know that we are thinking about them by visiting, calling or sending cards.

Church cited

Liberty Chapel Baptist Church has received the 'Fastest Growing Sunday School Award' from the James River Association in recognition of it's leadership and percentage of growth in Sunday School for 1980 and '81.

The award was presented on Sunday morning, February 7 to Volney Garrette, Sunday School Superintendent, by Joseph Megginson, chairman of the Board of Deacons of Liberty Chapel Baptist Church.

"I believe the Christian fellowship, the attitude of caring for our fellow church members is largely responsible for the growth in the Sunday School," said Garrette.

Liberty Chapel Baptist Church is over 200 years old; the Reverend J. N. Williams is pastor.

Supper slated

Liberty Chapel Baptist Church, the Reverend J. N. Williams, pastor, is planning a Valentine Supper for Saturday evening, February 13 at 5:30 at the church. Members are asked to bring meat, vegetable or salad, and dessert, drink and bread.

Guests for the evening will be "The Three and One" from Concord.

Jordan news

Preaching service will be held Sunday, Feb. 14, at 7:30 p.m.

On the third Sunday in February at 3:00 p.m. the Heavenly Gospel Singers will be in concert here. This progam is being sponsored by the Gospel Harmonettes and the public is invited to attend.

On the fourth Sunday night at 7:30 p.m. the Senior Choir will be celebrating their 31st anniversary. Rev. Edward Austin and the Mt. Airy Young Adult Choir will be the special guest.

The Young Adult Choir will meet Wed., Feb. 10 at 6:30 p.m.

The Senior Choir will practice Thursday night, Feb. 10 at 7:30 p.m. with Mrs. Womack.

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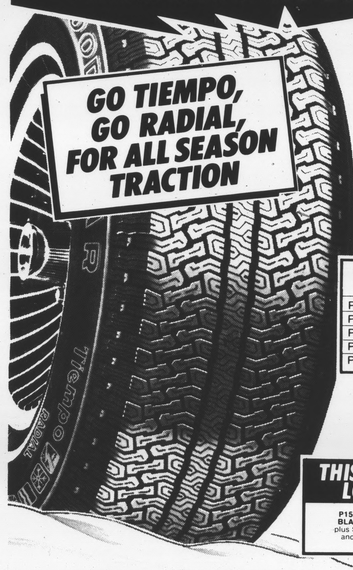

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